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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1891.

TELEGRAMS.

THE U. S. CUSTOMS AND TEA.

LONDON, April 8th.

The American Treasury has decided that Tea
arriving from European Countries must be
marked with the name of the country in which
it was grown.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"THE LADY OF LYONS" at the Theatre Royal
to-night.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Verona* left
Nagasaki for this port at 4.30 p.m. yesterday.

THE U. S. S. *Palos* arrived at Nagasaki, and
the *Manacacy* at Yokohama, on the 2nd inst.
The *Alliance* was then expected to leave the
latter port shortly for Chemulpo.

THE *Craydon Age*, (N.Q.), says there is an
opening at Craydon "for a sober and honest
lawyer." There is always a vacancy every-
where for "an extinct species that was never
born."

AN Emergency meeting of Perseverance Lodge,
No. 1166, E.C., will be held in the Freemasons'
Hall, Zeland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9
o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially
invited.

ENGLAND has now 100,000 officially-certified
lunatics. Last year there were 2,500 deaths
from suicide. Suicide within a generation has
increased 35 per cent. and nervous diseases 50
per cent.

EDWARD Lennan, who lately died in New York
at the age of one hundred and five years, carried
a pipe in the great Irish rebellion of 1799. He
had papers in his possession showing his birth
in county Derry, Ireland, in 1785.

THE Hamburg-American Steam Packet Com-
pany announces that it will not convey any
Germans to Brazil. It is understood the Com-
pany's action is due to the complaints of harsh
treatment made by German emigrants who
have gone to Brazil.

ITALY's funded and floating debt is now about
\$2,450,000,000, with an annual interest charge of
\$117,000,000. The indebtedness is increasing at
the rate of from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000
yearly. The Italian Republic is looming
ominously in the near future.

BISMARCK relates that Czar Nicholas once had
an affliction which required his back to be
rubbed. Said Nicholas, "I cannot trust a
Russian to rub my back. I must always have a
German to do it." Frederick William the loan of two Prussian
sergeants to do the work.

A CRICKET match, Club v. Naval will be
commenced to-morrow, at 11 a.m. Tiffin will
be served in the pavilion. The following
represent the Club—L. Barr, G. G. Boyle,
S. Coxon, Capt. Dunn, T. Lammert, J. A.
Lewson, F. Maitland, T. S. Smith, G. E.
Taverner, C. S. Barr, G. A. Wordcock.

TEXAS Jack, while endeavouring to cut down a
hung horse-thief with a rifle bullet in Hamston's
"Wild West" show at Brisbane, recently,
damaged a boy's eye. The lad, unfor-
tunately for the Hamston, was the son of a
local lawyer, who has served them with a writ for
£5000. Unable to find bail, they have been
arrested.

A COMPANY has recently been formed in Tiflis
and Odessa to exploit the vast fields of natural
cement of "New Russia" (West Siberia). That
cement is of a quality which neither Western
Europe nor America can supply. It requires no
artificial preparation but burning in a furnace.
The new company is building a works in Novos-
sibirsk, Amursk and other points, where the
cement will be gathered for exportation.

THE frequent references of Emperor William to
the necessity of his people remaining loyal and
sticking by him steadily suggests, says a
San Francisco contemporary, the idea that the
Germans are beginning to ask themselves the
practical question whether the empire is worth
all it costs them. Sovereigns do not dwell upon
the subject of loyalty unless they have a lurking
suspicion that the sentiment is lukewarm or
scarce.

A HOME paper reports that the Dutch Cricket
Union have had under consideration a proposal
to send a Dutch Eleven to England during the
season of 1891. There are many thousands of
cricket and football players all over the Nether-
lands, and last year A. Bentley, of Devonshire,
went over to coach them in the noble game, the
Dutch Cricket Union defraying all expenses.
Eventually it was resolved to communicate with
the Marylebone Cricket Club with the view of
arranging for the visit of a Dutch Eleven to
England next year. Thus does perditional Albion
extend her sway.

It has always seemed to us to be an act savouring
of folly, says the *Japan Mail*, for the
Government at Hongkong to have broken up
their mint, and sold the coining presses and
other machinery to the Japanese. Plenty of
work could have surely been found for it, whilst
it would have realized an appreciable amount of
additional revenue. A sum of two or three hun-
dred thousand yen per annum over the mint's
expenses is secured by the working of the mint
as Osaka, which turns out coins of a most credit-
able character. Compare a silver yen, for
instance, with that most slowly minted and
insulting looking coin, the Mexican dollar, and
the comparison is strikingly favorable to Japan,
and though no foreigners are now employed, yet
their foreign instructors, that in point of
execution and general finish, the coinage of
Japan continues a credit to the country.

THE Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co.
informs us that the Company's steamer *Nileus*
left Bombay for this port at 10 a.m. yesterday.

"Why do you call the boys in the galleries the
gods, Mr. Tragedian?" "To distinguish them
from the devils who sit in the stalls and write
criticisms."

THE agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.)
inform us that the "Ben" Line steamer
Singler, from Leith and London, left Singapore
yesterday for this port.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. J. Aikroyd, Acting Puisne
Judge.)

April 10th.

CLAIM FOR RENT.

MESSRS. SASSON SONS and Co. sought to
recover from Mr. R. Fraser-Smith the sum of \$340,
claimed to be due from defendant for two months'
rent of premises occupied by him at Pedder's Hill.
Mr. Hastings, of Messrs. Wotton and Deacon's
office, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Roddy
represented the defendant.

Mr. Roddy asked that the case might be postponed
for a week, as the defendant was bringing a
cross-action against the plaintiffs, and it would
be better that the two cases should be heard at
the same time.

Mr. Hastings objected to a postponement, as he
had only received notice of the defendant's
action this morning, which was not a cross-
action. The defendant claimed \$1,000 damages
for injury received through the plaintiff's negli-
gence with respect to some drains, which was a
separate action altogether.

His lordship asked what the defence was.

Mr. Roddy said he did not know, as the defend-
ant was not in Hongkong to-day.

Mr. Hastings asked that the case might be
proceeded with or judgment granted him with
costs.

His lordship granted judgment with costs,
execution to stay till Tuesday morning, when
the cross-action would be heard.

CRUICKSHANK & CO., LIMITED.

The third annual meeting of the shareholders
in the above Company was held at the Hongkong
Hotel this afternoon. Mr. J. Stephen (General
Manager) presided, and amongst those present
were Messrs. G. Fenwick, F. A. Bain, &c.

The Chairman expressed regret at the report
not being more favorable, attributing it to the
general depression that existed last year.

Mr. Fenwick proposed, and Mr. Bain seconded,
the adoption of the report, which was agreed to,
and Mr. F. Henderson having been re-elected
auditor, the proceedings terminated.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was
held this afternoon. There were present—
Mr. W. M. Deane, C.M.G., (Acting Colonial
Secretary); Mr. W. Goodman (Attorney-General);
Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes (Colonial Treasurer);
Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart (Registrar-General);
Mr. S. Brown (Surveyor-General); Messrs. P.
Ryrie, T. H. Whitehead, Ho Kai, and J. J.
Kewick, (unofficial members), and Mr. A. M.
Thomson, Clerk of Councils.

The Acting Colonial Secretary announced that
His Excellency the Governor was too much dis-
posed to be with them, and consequently he
would preside.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

REPORTS, &c.

The President laid on the table the
annual reports of the Postmaster-General, and
the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol for 1890.
Some months ago, he added, one of the
hon. members asked a question with respect to
the cost of materials for public works, the cost of
shipment from England, and other charges.

The report for that having been received he
begged to lay the same on the table and if
desired it could be printed.

THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

Mr. Ryrie-I beg to give notice that at the
next meeting of Council, I intend to ask the
President if, when he asked me at the meeting
of Council on 25th March last if the protest I
then laid on the table was a perfectly respectful
protest, he meant to imply that I was likely to
present, or the Unofficial Members to concur in,
a protest that was not perfectly respectful.

The President said that in the absence of the
Governor he thought such a question was
hardly respectful; Mr. Ryrie would see if he
looked at the procedure in Parliament. That
was the sole objection to it—there was nothing
against it otherwise.

Mr. Ryrie related that he had never heard
such an objection raised before.

The President rejoined that it was only want-
ing in respect because some phrase that was not
proper might be used.

Mr. Ryrie then gave notice that next week
he would ask the Honorable the Colonial
Treasurer if the arrears of the Military Contri-
bution for the year 1890, payment of which was
authorized by the Council on the 19th March
last, had been paid, and if paid, on what date it,
or any portion of it, was paid, and upon what
authority?

THE UNOFFICIALS SWAMPED AGAIN.

Mr. Whitehead—I have to thank His Ex-
cellency for according to my request for the pos-
ponement of the discussion of this motion. It
was not asked for because of any doubt or
uncertainty in my mind as to the facts and
figures on which the resolution was delib-
erately based, or because of any hesitation as
to the wisdom and propriety of the position
taken up. I asked for an adjournment that the
figures might be officially before the Council and
the public, in such form that the correctness of
my statements might not be questioned. I shall
endeavour to satisfy hon. members that the
position is not untenable, that the motion has
not been the outcome of any sudden impulse,
or of anything worse, and that in the result,
if it is carried, it will be a benefit to the
country, and that, in the result, it will be a
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it will be a benefit to the country.

or not, of giving His Excellency, and the
hon. the official members of this Council, a
legitimate opportunity of discussing the general
financial situation, and of discussing the
possibility of doing so, the ability of the Colony to
bear even heavier burdens than those now imposed
upon it. His Excellency has twice reproached the
Unofficial Members with their refusal to discuss
this question during the course of our recent
debates on the Revote of the Military Contri-
bution for 1890. I hope you will not find them
backward now, but I adhere to the opinion that
such discussion was out of place on the question
of the Revote. I cannot agree with his
Excellency in his assertion that the demand of
the Imperial Government for the payment of the
extra \$200,000 was based upon new and general
grounds. His statement is not borne out by
the Secretary of State's telegram and despatch
of the 13th February last. Lord Knutsford
simply demands payment of money already
voted but unpaid. The Honorable the Colonial
Secretary, The Honorable the Captain Superin-
tendent of Police, and the Honorable the
Attorney-General, and all have declared
that it was simply and solely a Revote,
nothing more and nothing less than a revote.
It may be correct to say that this year's enhanced
Military Contribution has been asked for on
other grounds than the promised increase of the
garrison, but this cannot with truth be said with
reference to 1890. With regard to that vote
there has been a deliberate breach of faith and
a glaring violation by the Imperial Govern-
ment of an agreement with the Colony, and
His Excellency will not find a dozen persons
in the Island who will agree with him that there
has not been.

I cannot concur with his
Excellency in his opinion that I must abandon
this motion if I am not prepared to assert and
prove that the Colony is not in a position to pay
the increased rate of salaries as well as the
enhanced military contribution. I may be of
opinion that in this year, or perhaps the next,
the Colony is in a position without giving any
more or less to bear the double burden, and yet
be of opinion that the Colony will not in the
near future be able to support the present
increased army of officials at the higher rates of
pay. From the official statement laid before the
Council to-day it appears that salaries for 1891
will aggregate \$758,139, as compared with
\$655,233 for 1890, and \$547,650 for 1889. I
may further and do think that, unless the Colony
can see its way not merely to pay these salaries
this year and next, but for several years to come,
it would be unfair to the Colony, and unfair to
officials alike to grant an increase of salaries
that three or four years hence may have to be
reduced to their present or even to a lower level.
The question for debate now is not, "Is the
Colony able to pay these increased salaries this
year or next?" but are our prospects in the near
future such as to assure that we shall be able
to continue to pay these enhanced rates of salary
permanently? We are not giving a bonus out
of the realized profits of a few good years to our
official servants, but we are binding the Colony
to pay these increased rates for years to come.
We may vote the military contribution this year,
and contemplate the probability that next year
we shall be unable to pay it. We cannot deal
that way with the question of salaries. We
bind the Colony for years to come. These
salaries cannot be reduced without the greatest
injustice, and except under the pressure of the
most urgent necessity. There are two points
for consideration, and our ability to pay and
to continue to pay this increase. The unofficial
members have cordially recognized the propri-
ety and justice of an increase of salaries. It
was on their recommendation it was authorized,
they are not wavering on that point, but on
second thoughts they begin to doubt the ability
of the colony to pay the increased salaries over
a course of years, and the wisdom of granting
them, if in a few years they may have to be
reduced. I am of opinion that the officers of
the Government have fair grounds for asking for
an increase of salaries, if the colony can afford to
pay such increase, but I think the Council ought
to be satisfied not only that it is able to pay them
this year and next, but for some years to come.
From the latest official information furnished to
the Council there is an estimated deficit of about
\$100,000 in our finances at the end of this
current year. Therefore I do not see how we
can honestly pay the heavy increase in salaries
even this year, let alone prospect in the near
future of a deficit. It need not be said that
me that it must increase. It was in the early
part of 1889, I think, that this question of an
increase in salaries took form, and that a Com-
mittee was appointed by His Excellency to
investigate and report on it. What was the
position of the colony, or rather our estimate of
its position and prospects, when this question of
salaries was first mooted? It is set forth in
His Excellency's brilliant despatch of 31st
October, 1889, to the Right Hon. the Secretary
of State, London, which I will quote. His Ex-
cellency said that despatch was able to refer to the
great wealth of the colony; to the 39 millions of
dollars of deposits in the local European and
Chinese banks; to the market value of all registered
companies in Hongkong; 65 million dollars
and over; and to the enormous rise in the value
of land, Marine loans having advanced 50 per cent.,
and inland loans 15 to 20 per cent.; also to the 35
new joint stock Companies formed since 1st
January, 1888, with capital then paid up
aggregating the sum of millions of dollars; to
the progress of the colony in the various lines of
commerce, manufacture, and trade in Hongkong,
and for mining and planting enterprises in the
Malay Peninsula, Borneo and Tongka. His
Excellency was then able to express strong
hopes as to the success of nearly all these new
Companies, and to the certainty of a further
great increase in the value of land in Hongkong
leading to a great enhancement of revenues
from land sales, Crown rents, and an increased
volume of commerce. His Excellency further
able to point to vast commerce in a healthy
state of progress, with prosperity, extraordinary,
and prospects magnificent. I have almost
quoted His Excellency's own words. What
is the state of the colony to-day. His
Excellency the Officer Administering the
Government in his official minute—the latest
information furnished to this Council—estimates
a deficiency of about \$100,000 in our finances at
the end of this current year. The 39 million
of dollars of deposits in local Banks have
enormously decreased—yes, by millions of dollars
—and I say so without fear of contradiction. A
large amount of the money has hopelessly gone
and been lost for ever, called for to save a com-
paratively small portion which may or may
not be redeemable from total loss. Mining
ventures in the Malay Peninsula, tobacco
plantations in Borneo, and a number of the new
local enterprises have not yet yielded any return
of, or on the verge of, liquidation. The market
value to-day of companies registered in Hongkong
and referred to in his Excellency's despatch
has shrunk at the lowest estimate by a sum
of ten millions of dollars. Land has fallen
greatly in value, we are largely overbuilt in
the city of Victoria, at the Peak, Magazine
Gap, and at Kowloon—one has only to look
around to realize the fact, there are scores
of hundreds of empty houses unlet and
yielding no return on the money so invested.
The position of matters can only be aggravated
by Government Notification of 28th March last,
calling for the fulfilment of covenants unfulfilled
upon all sales of Government land. For some
years to come there will be no great land sales,
no addition to our land revenue, and there must

be a diminution in the assessed taxes, rents have
fallen to no great extent. The valuations of
July next will prove this. About one-fourth of
our total revenue is derived from the opium
farm—a most unstable and most uncertain
source of income in the near future. His Ex-
cellency has wisely reminded the Secretary of
State that the present large profit on subsidiary
silver coin must not be counted on as a per-
manent source of revenue. The Chinese
Government have now a mint at Canton,
and may in time supply a large portion of
the Canton and Foochow requirements
from which ports the chief demand for these coins
arises. Our taxes are already very high—13
per cent. on the rental of shops moderate, but is
quite misleading, for rents here are about three
times more than rents at home and much
higher than in most places in the East. The
increase in our garrison of 1,500 men—which
was promised, but only exists in the imagination
of the War Office, though we have all the same
to pay a double military contribution would
bring about considerable commercial distress
to the ratepayers, large sums would have been
disturbed locally for rent, supplies, etc., though
the public revenue might not have been
largely or directly augmented thereby. The
financial position of the colony is not strong,
and it is doubtful if the estimated revenue for
1891 will be realized. The revenue shows un-
mistakable signs of instability and shrinkage,
while expenditure is rapidly increasing in every
direction, particularly on public works.
There are very enormously augmented salaries,
and an overwhelming and appalling increase in
the Surveyor-General's establishment and
increasing demands for contributions to Imperial
funds, with no appearance or promise of finality.
His Excellency now contends that \$400,000 is
a just and fair military contribution from this
colony, but he has not given us any figures or
arguments in support of this new contention to
set against his Excellency's official statements
of eighteen months ago. Trade which seemed
to his Excellency in a healthy state of progress
in October, 1889, is bad—undoubtedly bad—
every one will tell you so. In his Excellency's
very able speech of 10th ult., he made it clear
beyond doubt that although perhaps able to pay
our way to-day and sustain our increasing
burdens, it was a matter of grave doubt whether
the position of the Colony was an assured one,
and its prosperity in the past any guarantee of
its future. In fact his Excellency plainly indi-
cated that the Colony, in its financial position,
had reached the point of danger. His
Excellency told us that tale of the West Indian
Island of St. Thomas, now deserted, if not dead,
and pointed out three of the most important
causes in operation tending to our destruction,
which had already hit us very hard, and of which
we were not yet in a position to determine the
outcome. The position of the Colony has
changed very much, and for the worse, since this
question of salaries was first mooted. The
actual charge on the Revenue has gone on and
may go on increasing. When the Appropriation
Bill for 1891 came up for the third reading, the
honorable member opposite (Mr. Kewick)
informed this Council (in a speech I have now
before me) that the original Select Committee,
of which he was a member, contemplated a total
annual increase in salaries of about \$50,000.
The actual increase for 1891 has now swollen
to the simply appalling amount of \$100,000—
since last year to \$100,489 more than in 1889
—or last year's increase. In short, salaries now
amount to a third of our total revenue. Much better
for the colony, much better for the officers them-
selves, to grant no increase of pay, if a few years
hence there must be a reduction through our
sheer inability to pay. The question is still
under the consideration of the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State, Lord Knutsford, and
therefore still open. By agreeing to this resolu-
tion unofficial members would not be guilty
of inactivity, nor would they thereby stultify
themselves in any way. Let us wait at least
before charging the colony with this larger
additional permanent expenditure, till there has
been some revival in trade, some recovery in
values, some definite indications that the sad
state which overtook the Island of St. Thomas
and with which His Excellency has threatened
us, may not be ours. In view of all the altered
circumstances of the colony for the worse I feel
justified in moving—That in consequence
of the enhanced Military Contribution still
demanded by the Imperial Government, the
Colony is not in a position to pay the in-
creased salaries recently recommended by the
Unofficial Members and that the Secretary
of State be requested by telegram to withhold
his sanction.

Mr. Ryrie seconded, saying that after studying
the question the unofficial members quite agreed
that, with the proposed increase of expenditure,
there ought to be retrenchment elsewhere. It was
not nice to have to reduce salaries, but it was a
question of ways and means.

Mr. Kewick desired to give notice of an
amendment, as he thought Mr. Whitehead's
motion illogical and incorrect. It was a very
distasteful task to discuss a question which was
personal in its application, but he felt bound
to state on what points he differed from Mr. White-
head. After voting for the increase of salaries
in December last he thought it was all finished;
he was of opinion that they could afford the
increase, as times were certain to improve. He
thought the whole question ought to be recon-
sidered, and as he was of opinion that Mr.
Whitehead's motion was not sufficiently wide in
its scope, he moved as an amendment—That in
consequence of the increased military contribu-
tion demanded by the Imperial Government, the
Colony is not in a position to pay the in-
creased salaries recently recommended by the
Unofficial Members and that the Secretary of
State be requested to withhold his sanction
until the whole question of salaries has been
reconsidered.

Mr. Ho Kai seconded.
The Attorney-General thought Mr. Whitehead
had drawn too gloomy a picture of affairs here,
what difference was there between the state of
affairs now and when the increase of salaries
was approved? Mr. Whitehead had said it was
the increased military contribution, but if the
1,500 extra troops had arrived would Mr.
Whitehead's resolution have ever been pro-
posed?

Mr. Whitehead asked that his motion be
withdrawn in favour of the amendment, but
The President said that it was irregular.

Mr. Whitehead added that many charges had
occurred in business circles in Hongkong since
December; a number of new Companies that had
bright prospects previously had gone into liqui-
dation, and there were other signs of a shrinkage
in our revenue. He denied that the presence or
absence of the extra troops had anything to do
with the resolution.

Today's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
FIRST-CLASS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
BRONZES, VALUABLE PAINTINGS,
ORNAMENTS, &c.
A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTIES
FURNISHING.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on
THURSDAY,
the 16th April, 1891, commencing at 2.30 p.m.
at the Residence of R. A. GUNDAV,
Esq., Woodlands Villa, Seymour Place, Castle
Road.

THE WHOLE OF HIS
ELEGANT AND BEST MADE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising:—

HALL FURNITURE, BRONZES, &c., &c.
One very handsome DRAWING-ROOM
SUITE, UPHOLSTERED IN PEAFFOCK
BLUE and SILK EMBROIDERED TAPESTRY.
OVERMANTLES, English WALNUT INLAID
and REVERED GLASS. Very Handsome
and MANTEL CLOCK (Silver and gilt, Representing
Lighthouse). FINE MARBLE CLOCKS.
VIENNA FANCY METAL TABLES, and
ETAGERES, Canton Blackwood CURIO
STAND and Marble-top TABLES. SOLID
BRASS FENDERS and FIRE BRASSES.
Fine English-made CHEFFONIER, (Rosewood
Inlaid).

WINE, IVORY CARVINGS, BRONZE
GROUPS, TAPES and VIENNA HAND-
PAINTED POPPLIN, BAQUETS, CLOI-
SONNE, MIRROR-BRACKETS and other
ORNAMENTS, very fine OIL PAINTINGS by
well-known ARTISTS. White and Cream
LACE CURTAINS, BRONZE CORNICES,
SOLID BRASS CURTAIN-POLES, AXMIN-
STER and BRUSSELS CARPETS and
RUGS.

SOLID TEAK EXTENSION DINING
TABLE, MOROCCO COVERED DINING
ROOM SUITE, SOLID TEAK CARVED
SIDEBOARD, SOLID TEAK BACK, Hand-
some MANTEL DRAPERIES, FINE DINNER
and DESSERT SERVICES, ELECTRO-
PLATED and GLASS WARE, CUTLERY,
FAIRY LAMPS, METAL LAMPS, Marble-top
CONSOLE TABLE and GLASS CARD
TABLE, &c.

TWO SOLID BRASS BEDSTEADS with
Patent WIRE SPRING and HAIR MAT-
TRESSES, &c.; Marble-top WASHSTANDS
and SINKS, Marble-top DRESSING TABLES
and GLASSES, RED PLUSH COVERED
WRITING TABLE.

One BEACOCK BLUE TAPESTRY BED-
ROOM SUITE.
One MOROCCO COVERED BED-ROOM
SUITE.

SOLID TEAK WARDROBE with Plate-
Glass Doors.
WATERCLOSETS, CHROMOS, ENGRA-
VINGS, VALUABLE BOOKS, STATUETTES
and large quantity of BRIC-A-BRAC.
BRONZE VERANDAH TABLES, SHANG-
HAI BATHS, PLANTS in POTS, &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to Sale,
and the above will be on view on Wednesday
a.m.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.
G. R. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong 10th April, 1891. 1559
SOCIETE FRANCAISE DES CHARBON-
NAGES DU TONKIN.

THE GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING
will take place at Hongkong on THURSDAY,
the 30th April, 1891, at the Registered
Office of the Company in Victoria Buildings, at
Noon.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—
Report presented by the Board of Directors.
Report of the Auditor.
Approval of Accounts.
Election of Directors.
Election of Auditor.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of
Association, Owners of at least Twenty Shares,
in order to have the right to attend the above
Meeting, will have to deposit them at the Com-
pany's Office not later than Fifteen Days before
the Meeting, and will receive in exchange a
Card of Admission.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. E. JOYCE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1891. 1560

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL
SOCIETY
will produce Burnand and Sullivan's
Comic Opera
"THE CONTRABANDISTA,"

OR
"THE LAW OF THE LADRONES,"

SATURDAY, the 18th April,
and
MONDAY, the 20th April.

Doors Open at 8.30 p.m. Performances to
commence at 9 p.m.

Dress Circle and Stalls \$2.00
Back Seats 1.00

Tickets obtainable at Messrs. Lane, Crawford
& Co.'s from 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the 14th inst.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1891. 1561

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. "CARMARTHENSHIRE,"
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP & LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all goods are being landed at their
risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before Noon.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 17th inst. will be subject
to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Underwriter on or before the 17th
inst., or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1891. 1551

Mails.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN,
ISMARA, PORT SAID, MALTA,
GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, PERIN-
DIS, TRIESTE, VENICE,
PLYMOUTH, AND
LONDON;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH
BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERIAN
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAM-
BURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"MALWA," Captain C. F. PRESTON, R.N.R., with
Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from
this for BOMBAY on THURSDAY, the 16th
April, at Noon, connecting with her cargo for
LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL, leaving BOM-
BAY on the 6th May.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m.,
Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until
4 p.m., on the day before sailing.
Silk and Valuable for Europe will be
transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General
Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay.
For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and
PASSAGE apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hong-
kong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are re-
quired to be declared prior to shipment.
Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Black Bills of Lading.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for
Marseilles.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hankow 4th April 1891.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND
EUROPE;

VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship
"BELGIC"

will be despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 14th April,
at 2 p.m.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with
Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

ALL PARCELS, PACKAGES should be marked to
address in full; and same will be received at
the Company's Office until Five p.m. the day
previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—
To San Francisco \$225.00
To San Francisco and return, 392.75
available for 6 months.

To Liverpool 125.00
To London 135.00
To other European Ports at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers
of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the
Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on
application.

Passengers by this line have the option of
proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific
and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern
Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embark-
ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or
vice versa) within one year will be allowed a
discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does
not apply to through fares from China and
Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 50, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Acting Agent.

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVER-
LAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN
FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship
"CITY OF PEKING"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on SATUR-
DAY, the 25th inst., at 1 p.m., taking Passengers
and Freight for Japan, the United States, and
Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,
to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities
of the United States, via Overland Railways, to
Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports
in Mexico, Central and South America, by the
Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—
To San Francisco \$225.00
To San Francisco and return, 392.75
available for 6 months.

To Liverpool 125.00
To London 135.00
To other European Ports at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers
of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the
Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on
application.

Passengers by this line have the option of
proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific
and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern
Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embark-
ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or
vice versa) within one year will be allowed a
discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does
not apply to through fares from China and
Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m.
the day previous to sailing. Parce Packages will
be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day.
All Parcel Packages should be marked to ad-
dress in full; and same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 50, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong 2nd April, 1891. 1551

Mails.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG.
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
1890.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON, AND SOUTH
AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT
SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

ON SUNDAY, the 12th day of April,
1891, at 11 a.m., the Company's Steamship
"SACHSEN," Captain K. von Gosecul, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE & CARGO,
will leave this Port as above, Calling at GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon,
Cargo will be received on Board until 4 p.m.
Specie and Parcels until 1 p.m., on the 11th
April. (Parcels are not to be sent on Board;
they must be left at the Agency's Office). Con-
tents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and Stewards.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1891. 1560

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG, 1891.

Parilla Tuesday... May 5th.
Empress of Japan Tuesday... June 2nd.
Empress of India Tuesday... June 30th.

THE Steamship
"PARTHIA,"

Captain J. Panton, R.N.R., sailing at Noon,
on TUESDAY, the 5th May, with Her
Majesty's Mails, will proceed to VANCOUVER,
via SHANGHAI and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

To Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimaux,
New Westminster, Port Townsend,
Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O.
To Banff, Calgary, Regina, O.
To Winnipeg, O.
To Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, O.
To Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis,
Milwaukee, O.
To Detroit, Cleveland, Cleveland,
Columbus, Hamilton, London, Ont., O.
To Toronto, Niagara Falls, O.
To Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal,
Quebec, New York, Albany, Troy,
Rochester, Buffalo, Philadelphia, O.
Pittsburgh, Washington, Boston,
Portland (Maine), Halifax, St. John,
O.
To Liverpool and London \$325.00
To Paris and Bremen \$345.00
To Havre and Hamburg \$335.00
Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of steamers.

Special rates (first-class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Navy, Military,
Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European
officials in service of China and Japan, and to
Government officials.

Return Tickets.—First and second class only.
—Prepaid return tickets to Pacific Coast Ports,
and to Eastern and Interior Ports of Canada
and U.S.A. will be granted, available for—
12 months at 25 per cent. off Return Fare.
18 months at 30 per cent.
(Time is reckoned from the date of issue to
date of re-embarkation at Vancouver.)

Passengers to Pacific Coast Ports and to In-
terior and Eastern Ports of Canada and U.S.A.
not holding prepaid return tickets, but who re-
embark at Vancouver within 12 months from
date of issue of original ticket, will be allowed
25 per cent. of the return fare.

Prepaid return tickets to Liverpool and
London will be issued, available for 12 months
at 50 per cent. off Return Fare.
or for 6 months at 75 per cent.

CARGO.—Through Bills of Lading issued to
Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian
and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to
the care of D. E. Brown, Assistant General
Freight and Passenger Agent, Canadian Pacific
Railway Company, Vancouver, B. C.

Parcels must be sent to our Office, with
address, marked in full by 5 p.m. on the day
previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1891. 1561

Consignees.

UNION LINE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK AND SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship
"NORTHERN,"

Captain W. Richardson, having arrived from the
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading to
the Undersigned for Consignation; and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods from
along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer
will be at once landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be
effected.

All claims against the steamer must be pre-
sented to the Underwriter on or before the 11th
April, or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1891. 1550

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship
"BELGIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for Consignation; and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1891. 1560

To be Let.

TO LET.
NOS. 9 & 11, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
ROOMS in College Chambers
No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.
OFFICES and CHAMBERS in Connaught
House, Queen's Road Central.
OFFICES in Victoria Buildings,
No. 2, FEDDER'S HILL.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Hongkong, 10th April, 1891. 1513

TO BE LET SHORTLY.
A exceedingly comfortable and cool 6
ROOMED HOUSE.

Apply to
THE SECRETARY,
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.

TO BE LET OR SOLD,
On favourable terms, with immediate
Possession.

EIGHT HOUSES at "Mountain View,"
Peak District, near Plunkett's Gap.
If sold, part of the Purchase money can remain
on Mortgage.

Apply to
JOHN A. JUPP.

38 & 40, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 10th April, 1891. 156

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO LET.
KNUTSFORD TERRACE,
KOWLOON.

HOUSES with 5 ROOMS, including Bath-
rooms, Tennis Courts. Good view and
Healthy situation. Rent and Taxes \$32, a
month.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
& AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 24th March 1891. 1483

TO LET,
With immediate Possession.

No. 17, PRAYA CENTRAL.

OFFICES—above Messrs. Douglas, Laprak
& Co.'s Premises.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
& AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1890. 149

TO LET,
Possession on 1st April next.

HOUSE No. 18, ELGIN STREET.
For particulars, apply to
LOUIS KIRCHMANN,
No. 1, Ladder Street Terrace.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1891. 1548

TO BE LET.
NOS. 10, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to
HERCULES J. SCOTT.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1891. 1527

TO LET.
NOS. 25 & 27, ELGIN STREET, behind
the Old Union Church.

Apply to
ACHEE & Co.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1891. 149

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & CO.,
WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANU-
FACTURERS and JEWELLERS,
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
CHARTS and BOOKS.
No. 28, Queen's Road Central.

NOTICE.
JYVE'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS
COMPANY, LIMITED.

JYVE'S WOOD PRESERVER OR
ANTISEPTIC PAINT.

THE Undersigned have this day been
appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale of
these PERFECT DISINFECTANTS, and
are prepared to supply quantities to suit
purchasers at Wholesale Prices. Extra Special
terms for Shipping and Large Orders.
SIR ROBERT RAWLINSON, C.B., C.E., Chief
Sanitary Engineer, Local Government Board,
London, says
"It is the best Disinfectant in use."

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, 10th June, 1890. 1513

HONGKONG TIMBER
YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER
Always on Hand.

L. MALLORY.

Hongkong 24th June 1891. 1501

Dr. Knorr's
ANTI-PYRINE.

(Dose for Adults 15 to 25 grains 4 times.)

IS the most approved and most efficacious
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE,
NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER,
TYPHUS, ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING-
COUGH, and many other complaints. It is
also the very best Antiseptic. Highly recom-
mended by the medical Faculty. To be had from
every reputable Chemist and Druggist. Ask for
DR. KNORR'S ANTI-PYRINE! Each Tin
bears the inventor's signature, "Dr. KNORR"

in red letters.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China
Export, Import, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents
for China, Beware of spurious imitations!
Hongkong, 20th May, 1890. 1492

W. S. MARTEN,
ARTISTIC DECORATOR,
2, DUDDELL STREET,
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1890. 15

JOHN AMBROSE CLARKE,
Teacher of Officers and Engineers,
No. 75, WYNDHAM STREET,
Opposite Central Police Station.

CANDIDATES prepared for the MARINE
BOARD EXAMINATIONS.
Author of the "NEW NAVIGATION,"
And an "Aphoristic" for Engineers, &c.
Hankow, 7th February, 1891. 1546

Intimations.

NOTICE.
STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SANDAKAN.
IN ITS PROBATE JURISDICTION.
In the Will and Estate of CHARLES WALTER
FLINT, of Sandakan, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors
and other persons having any claims
against the Estate of CHARLES WALTER
FLINT, deceased, late of Sandakan, Merchant,
Probate of whose Will has been granted by the
High Court of Sandakan, to H. B. DUNLOP
of Sandakan, Executor appointed by the Will of
the said deceased, are hereby required to send in
particulars of such claims to the said under-
signed, on or before the Thirty-first day of
October, 1891. And Notice is hereby given that
after such date the said Executor will proceed to
distribute the assets of the said deceased among
the parties entitled thereto having regard only
to the claims of which he shall then have had
notice.

Dated this First day of November, 1890.
P. F. J. MARCUS,
Registrar.